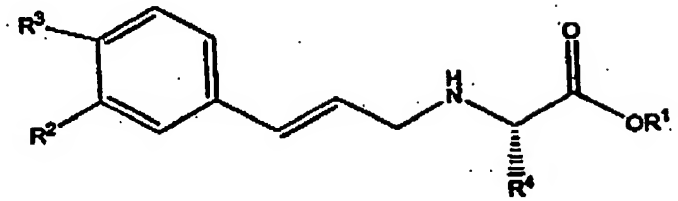
Amendments to the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

202. (New) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

R^1 is H or methyl; R^2 is H, phenoxy, substituted phenyl (where the substituents are selected from $C_{1\text{-}5alkyl}$, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkoxy, hydroxy, halo, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, and amino), or CO_2Me;

R^3 is H, trifluoromethyl, nitro, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkoxy, carboxyl, or 2,3-benzo; and R^4 is substituted amino (where the substituents are selected from one or more members of the group consisting of $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, halosubstituted $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alknyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkenyl, phenyl, phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylcarbonyl, halosubstituted $C_{1\text{-}5}$alk- ylcarbonyl, carboxy $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkoxy $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, cinnamoyl, naphthylcarbonyl, furylcarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylsulfonyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylsulfonyl substituted phenylcarbonyl, substituted phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylcarbonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylsulfonyl, substituted phenyl, and substituted phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, [where the aromatic phenyl, phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkycarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, and phenyl $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkylsulfonyl substituents are independently selected from one to five members of the group consisting of $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}5}$alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, and amino]).

203. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claims 202.

204. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an active drug component and the compound of claim 202.

205. (New) The composition of claim 204 wherein said active drug component is combined with an oral, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier.

206. (New) The composition of claim 205 wherein said carrier is ethanol, glycerol, or water.

207. (New) The composition of claim 204 further comprising binders, lubricants, disintegrating agents, or coloring agents.

208. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said binders are selected from the group consisting of starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, and waxes.

209. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said lubricants are selected from the group consisting of sodium oleate, sodium stearate, magnesium stearate, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, and sodium chloride.

210. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said disintegrating agents ors are

selected from the group consisting of starch, methyl cellulose, agar, bentonite, and xanthan gum.

211. (New) The composition of claim 204 contained in a topical administration.

212. (New) The composition of claim 211 wherein said active drug component can be admixed with carrier materials selected from the group consisting of alcohols, aloe vera gel, allontoin, glycerine, vitamin A and E oils, mineral oil, PPG2 myristyl propionate.

213. (New) An oral composition comprising an EPO receptor modulating compound of claim 202 having an active drug component being combined with an oral, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier.

214. (New) The composition of claim 213 wherein said carrier is ethanol, glycerol, or water.

215. (New) The composition of claim 213 further comprising binders, lubricants, disintegrating agents, or coloring agents.

216. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said binders are selected from the group consisting of starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, and waxes.

217. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said lubricants are selected from the group consisting of sodium oleate, sodium stearate, magnesium stearate, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, and sodium chloride.

218. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said disintegrating agents ors are selected from the group consisting of starch, methyl cellulose, agar, bentonite, and xanthan gum.